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Student Group May Give Up Foreign Plan

11 Organizations Now Said Linked With CIA Fronts

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WASHINGTON — The National Student Association is considering giving up its overseas activities in the belief its representatives will always be looked upon as government spies.

As an emergency NSA board meeting on the organization's future went into the third day today, its leaders appeared convinced abandonment of its international branch will be the cost of its long-secret financial link with the Central Intelligence Agency that has come to light.

"I think that's very likely to happen," said a participant in the meeting, Jim Johnson, 23,

last year's vice president for national affairs.

Not in U.S.

Johnson and other NSA leaders said yesterday no CIA money has gone into the student organization's domestic activities, including its extensive civil rights program in the South.

The controversy brought new charges today that other student organizations had connections with the CIA for a total of 11.

Draft Status Fuzzy

Meanwhile, Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey admitted he may have appealed draft classifications of officers of the National Student Association but added he hadn't talked with the CIA for four or five years.

Hershey, the Selective Service Director, said in an interview he remembers "talking to some NSA men" but added, "I don't recall the conversations."

Won't Admit It

Hershey added: "I don't think you would ever find me saying I am going to take care of somebody."

Ramparts Magazine, in an article disclosing CIA funding for some NSA programs, had charged that for years NSA officials and staff members were given draft deferments for "an occupation vital to the national interest."

Five More Found

The New York Times said today five more academic and international organizations have been receiving funds from foundations identified as

conducts for CIA money, according to an examination of records.

The Times said this brought the known total of such organizations to 11.

The newspaper identified the groups as:

First — The Pan-American Foundation, connected with the University of Miami in Florida.

Second — The International Marketing Institute, a private organization that holds seminars at the Harvard Business School in Cambridge, Mass.

Third — The American Society of African Culture in New York, which provides works by American Negro writers and scholars to African universities and taped programs on Negro life in the United States to African radio stations.

Fourth — The American Friends of the Middle East in Washington, which sponsors travel to the Middle East and finances publications.

Fifth — The International Development Foundation of New York, which specializes in training peasant and urban slum leaders in Latin-American countries to promote social progress there.

Officers of the five organizations said they had no knowledge of any connection between their groups and the CIA.

It could not be determined, the Times said, what portion, if any, of the money given to

the five groups was actually from the CIA.

A future under the shadow of suspicion also faced other student groups known to have received money from foundations that allegedly served as financial channels for the CIA.

"Everyone will assume now that anyone working for a youth group is, ipso facto, a CIA agent," said the director of one of them, Eugene Theroux.

Said Unaware

Theroux, 28, heads Independent Research Service, Inc., which got money from the Independence Foundation of Boston, named by Ramparts magazine as a CIA front. It was Ramparts that put the spotlight on the undercover relationship between the CIA and NSA.

Theroux said he was unaware of any CIA money coming to his organization, which was set up by some students in Cambridge, Mass., in 1958 to advise American students planning to attend the 1959 Vienna Youth Festival.

Backed Trips

It also reportedly financed American student trips to the Helsinki Youth Festival in 1962. Internal Revenue Service files show it got \$125,000 from the Independence Foundation in 1962.

There hasn't been a world student conference since Helsinki, a fact former CIA director Allen W. Dulles said he feels is directly traceable to the CIA's support of NSA.